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SIX FOREIGN NATIONAL CHILD SEX PREDATORS ARRESTED BY ICE IN SALT LAKE COUNTY

SALT LAKE CITY – U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents arrested six sexual predators in Salt Lake County this week, including a Mexican national who repeatedly raped a teenaged relative who became pregnant and bore his child.

The aliens taken into custody are legal permanent residents with extensive criminal records, making them subject to deportation from the United States. Those arrested are nationals of Mexico, Tonga, Poland, and El Salvador. The targets of this week's operation have a variety of serious felony convictions, including sexual abuse of a child, aggravated assault, theft, and weapons possession.

This week's arrests are part of Operation Predator, a comprehensive ICE initiative aimed at those who prey on children, including human traffickers, international sex tourists, Internet pornographers, and foreign national predators whose crimes make them deportable. More than 40 of the 6,800 child sex offenders arrested by ICE nationwide as part of Operation Predator have occurred in Utah.

"These dangerous pedophiles pose a serious threat to the well-being of our children, our families, and our communities," said Sidney Siders, supervisory special agent for ICE investigations in Utah. "We are working closely with our local and federal law enforcement partners to identify, arrest, and remove those who prey on and exploit the children here in Salt Lake County."

The subjects arrested this week were identified by ICE agents, in coordination with local authorities, using information from the Megan's Law and other sexual predator databases. ICE agents conducted extensive immigration and criminal history checks to identify those individuals whose crimes make them subject to removal from the United States.

Additional information about Operation Predator is available on the Web at www.ice.gov. ICE encourages the reporting of suspected child predators and any suspicious activity through its toll-free hotline at 1-866-DHS-2ICE. This hotline is staffed around the clock by investigators. Suspected child sexual exploitation or missing children may be reported to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, an Operation Predator partner, at 1-800-843-5678 or <http://www.cybertipline.com>.

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